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TOPIC	Parchim Airfield		25X1A
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REFERENCES			
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REMARKS			

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SOURCE

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1. [REDACTED] work was being done on a new concrete runway at Parchim airfield and on concrete connecting lanes which branched off from the runway. The workers of the Bauunion Spree were quartered in temporary buildings in the northern section of the field. The former air force settlements at the perimeter of the town were unoccupied. Source made a layout sketch of the airfield and the settlement.

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2. [REDACTED] source determined that [REDACTED] a total of 58,000 tons of chippings including 23,000 tons of 7/15 type and 30,000 tons of 15/30 type were allotted to the Bauunion Spree for construction work at the airfield.

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3. About two thirds of the runway had been concreted [REDACTED] Then concreting work had to be discontinued as no chippings had arrived since around 12 September. A large portion of the personnel was put on leave. Concreting work was to continue the next week as a small quantity of chippings was expected to arrive. A conference on the chipping shortage was to be held with Bubel (fnu), chief of the main administration of the construction industry (HV-Bauunion). Excavation work was started on the taxiway. The humus layer was removed from the connecting lanes. The eastern connecting lane had to be shifted 33 centimeters because of a well.

4. Concreting work on the 12 shipproof aircraft revetments was completed. Repair work was being done on the barracks installations which were to be occupied by the construction workers. Work on the eastern apron was nearing the completion.

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5. [REDACTED] a conference on the estimate of cost of the second construction stage was held at the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters in Werder. The Soviet records on the construction project were used. They had a cover sheet bearing the signature of Engineer Colonel Tereschenko (fnu) on the top section, the Russian letters for the designation of project "W 104" on the middle section [REDACTED] and the signatures of Engineer Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fnu), Engineer Major Olejnik (fnu) and Engineer Captain Pshenishny (fnu) on the bottom section. From this file Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov took the new drawings for the fuel dump which had been changed because of the high ground water level.

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6. Captain Berezovchuk (fnu), the Soviet supervisor at the field was to be replaced by Major Drushko (fnu) (phonetic spelling) during his leave of absence.

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Major Drushko allegedly arrived directly from the academy.<sup>2</sup>

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7. [ ] and because of a labor shortage at the chipping works, 30 workers from the Baunions Spree were to be temporarily transferred to the chippings works near the zonal border, which supplied Parchim airfield with chippings. Consequently, concreting work was expected to be resumed at Parchim airfield.
8. Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov (fnu) stated that no new airfield construction projects were intended to be started during the next year and that only those projects which had already been started would be completed.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [ ] Comment. Construction works at Parchim airfield are temporarily handicapped by lack of material. Concreting work on the runway which was 2,550 meters long, 80 meters wide and covered with a 30-cm top layer, was completed by one third and two thirds of the total length in early July and late August 1953 respectively. This work will possibly be completed by early October 1953. Only 12 of the originally planned 40 shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were under construction. For sketch furnished by source 1, see Annex.

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3. [ ] Comment. Noteworthy is the statement of Lieutenant Colonel Streltsov, chief of the technical section of the construction headquarters in Werder, that no new airfields are intended to be constructed in East Germany in 1954.

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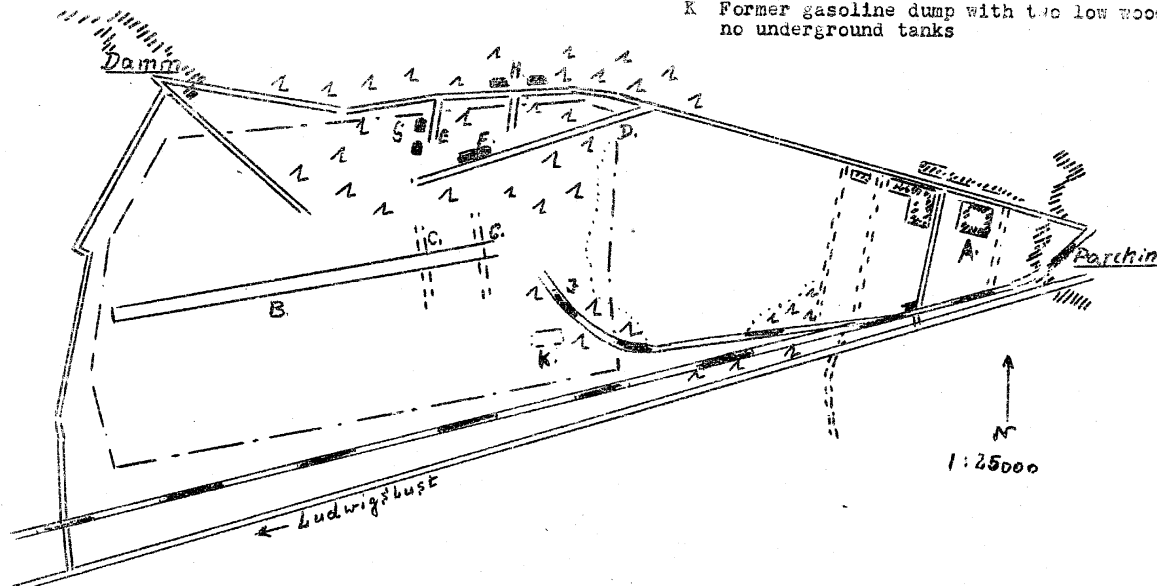
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Parchim Air field

Legend:

- A Former air force settlement, now unoccupied
- B Runway
- C Connecting lanes under construction
- D Main entrance
- E Side entrance
- F Three-story apartment house, about 80 meters long
- G Small two-story apartment houses
- H Officers billets
- J Spur track
- K Former gasoline dump with two low wooden buildings; no underground tanks



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